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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
Directors, Charter Schools

FROM: Mary N. Watson, Director *MNW*  
Exceptional Children Division

RE: Extension for Educational Interpreters and Transliterators

This year Boys Town Educational Interpreter Diagnostic Center moved to a slot system for evaluation of the Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment. They have been overwhelmed by requests from states for evaluation of their interpreters as more and more states set minimum standards for their interpreters. Boys Town recently initiated a new policy in order to assure those being assessed receive their results in a reasonable amount of time. As you may remember, it took a long time to get results back this past spring. The new policy sets a limit on the number of assessment the center will do monthly and slots must now be reserved well in advance. Boys Town is aware we need more slots and will inform us as soon as they are available.

Because of the limited number of slots that are available, we were not able to test interpreters until April. An additional extension has been granted by the State Board of Education with the understanding that this would be the final extension. ***Interpreters and transliterators working in public schools will have until June 30, 2008 to demonstrate proficiency on the required assessments.***

Please contact Rachael Ragin at [rragin@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:rragin@dpi.state.nc.us) for more information.

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